

114TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

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To permit the Secretary of Homeland Security to search open source information to determine if an alien is inadmissible to the United States and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. HEINRICH (for himself and Mr. FLAKE) introduced the following bill;
which was read twice and referred to the Committee on

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “21st Century Visa Vet-

5 ting Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. AUTHORITY TO SEARCH OPEN SOURCE INFORMA-**
2 **TION RELATED TO ALIENS APPLYING FOR**
3 **ADMISSION TO THE UNITED STATES.**

4 (a) **AUTHORITY.**—Notwithstanding any other provi-
5 sion of law or regulation, the Secretary of Homeland Secu-
6 rity may search open source information, including Inter-
7 net sites and social media postings, of an alien who applies
8 for a visa to enter the United States to determine if the
9 alien is inadmissible under section 212 of the Immigration
10 and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1182).

11 (b) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—This section shall take effect
12 on the date of the enactment of this Act and apply to any
13 alien who applies for a visa on or after that date.